

Turrisi SB 374

To whom it may concern:

My family is opposed to this bill requiring behavioral health tests for several reasons. As a homeschooling family, we are fully aware of our children and their behaviors, by the very fact of teaching and monitoring them on a daily basis. If my children needed help in any way, I would seek to provide it for them. Just as I seek medical attention when they are ill or injured. To have the state require me to test my children is an infringement on our personal rights. It also brings many questions to light. Who will pay for these tests? The public school system will absorb that cost, but what about the homeschoolers? I will be forced to pay for a test I disagree with. Also, why are private schools not required to have this testing? It also begs the question as to who will be testing my children, where the results are sent, and for what purpose will they be used? If you have a healthcare professional who is vehemently opposed to homeschooling, or to public school, how can you insure uncompromised testing? You simply can't. The job of caring for the physical, mental and spiritual well being of my child was entrusted to my husband and I, not the state. Please do not pass this bill that clearly infringes on the rights of American citizens.

Thank you,

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